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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/822,093	Applicant(s) BLOMILEY ET AL.	
	Examiner Sylvia R. MacArthur	Art Unit 1792	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 13 and 23-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 and 23-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 37 and 41-43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 and 31-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 39 and 40 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/24/2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 6/24/2008 have been fully considered, but are moot due to the amendment of claim 13 which features a circular recess.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 39 and 40 objected to because of the following informalities: claim 38 has been cancelled but these claims remain dependent upon it. Perhaps, the claims are dependent upon claim 37. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 13, 32, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohkase et al (US 5,536,918).

Ohkase et al teaches a susceptor (holding protrusions 31) see for example Figs. 14-18. The ring and extend portions are best illustrated in Figs. 14, 15, and 18. According to col.4 lines 17-23, the wafer holder 3 is made of SiC which is a known opaque material of construction. See also reinforcing ring 33 which links support units (extended portions) 32. Ohkase et al also teaches in section [0078] that ring 33 and units 30 are made of sapphire which is a material transparent to IR. See Fig 13b illustrates a circular recess.

6. Claims 13 and 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huang et al (US 6,468,354). Huang teaches a susceptor comprising a body comprising a bearing surface, a backside face, and peripheral edge see ring 50 as illustrated in Figs. 3-5. See Fig.3 illustrates a circular recess.

7. Claims 13 and 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fan (US 6,022,809). Fan teaches a susceptor comprising a body comprising a bearing surface, a backside face, and peripheral edge see ring 12 as illustrated in Fig.1A. See Fig.1A illustrates a circular recess.

8. Claims 37 and 41-43 are allowed.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sylvia R. MacArthur whose telephone number is 571-272-1438. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh can be reached on 571-272-1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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August 31, 2008

/Sylvia R MacArthur/
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